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SUBJECT: DISAPPEARANCE OF EDITOR JULIAN J. DELGADO

REF: USICA MEDIA REACT JUNE 14 (BUENOS AIRES 4524)

1. ARSEN AND AID MET WITH DIRECTORS OF EL CRONISTA COMERCIAL AND MERCADO AT THEIR REQUEST REGARDING THE DISAPPEARANCE OF EDITOR DIRECTOR JULIAN J DELGADO REPORTED REFTEL.

2. DIRECTORS ALBERTO BORRINI AND MARIO SEKIGUCHI TOLD EMB OFFICERS IN CONFIDENCE THEY WANTED URGENTLY TO AVOID ANY POSSIBLE MISUNDERSTANDING ABOUT THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF DELGADO'S DISAPPEARANCE. THEY SAID THAT DELGADO HAD SUFFERED A SEVERE NERVOUS BREAKDOWN ABOUT SIX MONTHS AGO DUE TO OVERWORK AND HAD SUBSEQUENTLY BEEN UNDER MEDICAL TREATMENT. THEY SAID THAT THEY BELIEVED HIS DISAPPEARANCE WAS DUE TO HIS ILLNESS AND THAT THEY HAD ABSOLUTELY NO EVIDENCE THAT HE HAD BEEN THE VICTIM OF KIDNAPPING BY EITHER RIGHT OR LEFT WING GROUPS.
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3. BORRINI SAID THAT DELGADO HAS LAST BEEN SEEN BY HIS DOCTOR(S)

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ON JUNE 4 AND THAT MRS. DELGADO NOTIFIED THE PAPER WHEN HE FAILED TO RETURN HOME SOME HOURS LATER. THE PAPER IMMEDIATELY LAUNCHED ITS OWN INVESTIGATION WITHOUT RESULTS. THEY THEN NOTIFIED INTERIOR MINISTER MARGUINDEGUY WHO BEGAN A "DISCREET INVESTIGATION" ALSO WITH NO RESULTS.

4. THE PAPER AND MARGUINDEGUY THEN AGREED TO MAKE THE STORY OF THE DISAPPEARANCE PUBLIC SO THE POLICE COULD BEGIN A NATIONWIDE SEARCH FOR THE MISSING MAN. SEKIGUCHI CRITICIZED THE CHRONIC ANTI-HERALD FOR ITS "HURRIED CONCLUSIONS" THAT LED THEIR NEWSPAPER TO A "DISTORTION OF REALITY" AND TO THE "FALSE ASSUMPTION" THAT DELGADO HAD BEEN KIDNAPPED BY GOVERNMENT OR MONTONERO FORCES.

5. BOTH BORRINI AND SEKIGUCHI SAID THE GOA HAD BEEN FULLY COOPERATIVE IN THE EFFORT TO FIND THE MISSING EDITOR. THEY SAID NEITHER THEY NOR THE FAMILY HAD BEEN CONTACTED BY ANY OUTSIDER SINCE DELGADO DISAPPEARED.

6. COMMENT: IT WAS APPARENT THAT THE EL CRONISTA COMERCIAL DIRECTORS HAVE AN UNUSUAL EFFORT TO MAKE SURE THE EMBASSY WAS APPRISED OF WHAT THEY CONSIDERED TO BE THE TRUE FACTS OF THIS PARTICULAR CASE. IT IS LIKELY THEY HAD CONSULTED WITH MANY GOA OFFICIALS WHO AGREED--OR EVEN URGED--THAT THE AMERICAN EMBASSY SHOULD BE GIVEN THE FULL BACKGROUND OF DELGADO'S DISAPPEARANCE, TO "AVOID MISUNDERSTANDINGS." THE REPORTING OFFICER WAS IMPRESSED BY THE SINCERITY OF BORRINI AND SEKIGUCHI AND THEIR CONCERN FOR DELGADO, HIS WELFARE AND THE FEELINGS OF HIS FAMILY. CASTRO
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